## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – AUGUST 2015

## The public comment period ends February 16, 2016, at 11:59 p.m.

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Bankruptcy Rules and Evidence Rules have proposed amendments to their respective rules, and requested that the proposals be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment. The proposed amendments, Rules Committee reports explaining the proposed changes, and other information are posted on the Judiciary's website at: http://www.uscourts.gov/rulespolicies/proposed-amendments-published-public-comment.

On August 14, 2015, the public comment period opens for proposed amendments to:

- Bankruptcy Rules 1001 and 1006; and
- Evidence Rules 803 and 902.

Comments and supporting files must be submitted electronically using the Regulations.gov portal. After choosing the appropriate link below, click the "Submit a Comment" link. This will display the comment web form. You can then enter your submitter information and attach your comment as a file (up to 10MB), or type your comment directly on the web form. When you have finished attaching or typing your comment, click the "Preview Comment" link to review. Once you are satisfied with your comment, click the "Submit" button to send your comment to the advisory committees. Upon completion, you will receive a tracking number for your submission.

- Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure
- Submit or Review Comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence

Detailed instructions on how to submit a comment are given in the Regulations.gov FAQs.

Members of the public who wish to present testimony may appear at <u>public hearings</u> on the proposed amendments.

After the public comment period, the Advisory Committees will decide whether to submit the proposed amendments to the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. At this time, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure has not approved these proposed amendments, except to authorize their publication for comment. The proposed amendments have not been submitted to or considered by the Judicial Conference or the Supreme Court.

The proposed amendments would become effective on December 1, 2017, if they are approved, with or without revision, by the relevant Advisory Committee, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Judicial Conference, and the Supreme Court, and if Congress does not act to defer, modify, or reject them.

William C. Redden Date: August 17, 2015

Clerk of Court